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Response to Restriction Requirement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.142 With Amendment

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on November 1, 2005, in connection with the above-identified U.S. patent application. The one-month period for response expires on December 1, 2005. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the <u>Listing of claims</u> that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.